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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DD/P

SUBJECT : Project AESAURUS/AEMOBLE (Renewal)

1. The attached project, originating in the SR Division, is herewith presented for your renewal in the total amount of \$45,300, for the period 1 July 1953 through 30 June 1954.

2. There is attached a brief, summarizing the important factors involved and stating the recommendations of the FI Staffs. We have also attached a brief of the AESAURUS/AEEOHO project which, while it does not require your approval, has a great bearing on AESAURUS/AEMOBLE and future FI and PP operations in conjunction with the MTS.


Chief,
Foreign Intelligence

Approved:  

COF/DDP

16 April 1954
Date

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PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

DATE OF APPROVAL 16 April 1954 CRYPTONYM AESAURUS/AEMDE
80PS
 EXPIRATION OF APPROVAL 30 June 1954 DIVISION SR
 TOTAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED 845,300 STATION Frankfurt
 DATE OF AMENDMENT _____ TARGET AREA WHL
 * ADDITIONAL FUNDS _____ HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER 3914

ADDITIONAL CRYPTONYMS/PSEUDONYMS

CONTRACT INFORMATION

Aetna/ 14, 20, 24, 42
Aenoble/ 3, 8, 31



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14 April 1954

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1. PURPOSE: Project AESAURUS/AENOBLE provides for the physical penetration of the USSR in order to (a) establish support facilities in direct communication with CIA, (b) procure operational and positive intelligence for transmittal to CIA, (c) establish legalized saboteurs, resistance groups, and E & K routes for wartime use, and (d) conduct limited PP activities in the future as directed by CIA.

2. PERSONNEL AND COVER: Personnel have been, and will be, screened, assessed, trained and dispatched from among agents who have been previously spotted, assessed, and recruited by the NTS (National Labor Union). Six agents are presently legalized in the USSR (see HISTORY below). Initial spotting and assessing of agents for the next cycle will commence as soon as a new protocol has been agreed upon between SR and the NTS. The new protocol involves movement of three NTS instructors to the US in the spring of 1954, and preparation of five or six action agents for the next cycle. The three instructors (AETNA/24, 42, and AENOBLE/31) are NTS men now working on the general AESAURUS project (a PP activity). In addition, AETNA/20 will be used as a recruiter in Germany, AETNA/14 will be an assessor, AENOBLE/3 will do legend research on an independent basis, and AENOBLE/8 will work on a radio handbook until used in a CI capacity during agent assessment. The agents will receive initial training at CSOB in June 1954, under US Army cover. When the school is moved to the US about August 1954, cover will be arranged by DOB. Cover of the three instructors will be arranged through TRD and Cover Division.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY: Basic Plan AESAURUS was first approved by AD/SO on 10 August 1951, as a joint SO/PC subsidy of the NTS in order to expand their anti-Soviet operations and mount infiltrations into the USSR. Of the total \$230,000 approved by SO/PC, the OSO share was \$30,000 or one half the estimated cost of agent operations into the USSR. By January 1952, four agents had been recruited and were in training. In April 1952, DC/FI amended the plan to add \$54,754 for development of operations in the Soviet Far East. The first approval expired 30 June 1952. In December 1952, C/FI retroactively renewed the FI portion of the operation for \$181,171, for FY 1953. The DCI affirmed this action on 30 January 1953. In August 1953 SR submitted AESAURUS - FI for renewal, composed of the only two FI sub-projects now active: AESAURUS/CACCOLA (now this project) and AESAURUS/D (a CI project now known as AESAURUS/AEECHO, which is being processed for renewal concurrently with this project). It was also proposed that an independent CIA-controlled operation be mounted to check on NTS activities outside the NTS/CIA association. These requests were not

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approved, pending investigation of the entire CIA/NTS relationship by SR and I & R. The end product of the investigations will be the new agreement which the NTS is expected to sign shortly, under which AESAURUS/AENOBLE and AESAURUS/AECHO will be conducted.

4. OPERATIONAL HISTORY: Since the first approval of AESAURUS in August 1951, a total of eleven REDSOX agents have been infiltrated into the USSR. Three were infiltrated in the spring of 1952. Of these, one is presumed dead. The other two have legalized themselves and are just beginning to supply positive intelligence. Eight agents were infiltrated in the spring of 1953. Four of these were captured and executed, one is believed to have been doubled, and the other four have legalized themselves and are reporting by radio and S/W.

5. APPROVAL PERIOD AND COST: Retroactive renewal is requested for the period 1 July 1953 through 30 June 1954, for \$45,300. Of this amount \$16,400 will be used for commitments and disbursements already made in FY 1954, and the balance will be used for forthcoming recruitment and training of agent personnel. The total figure breaks down as follows: Compensation, \$26,150; Travel, \$8,500; Operational expenses, \$9,250; Equipment and supplies, \$400. The agents will have escrow deposits of \$200 per month each while on their missions. No other commitments have been or will be made. (Note: Approval of these funds is requested from the DDP-SR Division budget for FY 1954.)

6. FI STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (a) FI/OPS concurs without comment.
- (b) C/STC concurs subject to the provisos contained in STC/SPB's memorandum (copy attached) to C/STC, dated 18 March 1954: a. that a new project outline will be presented for FI Staff approval when the FY 1955 operational plans are expected to be implemented, b. that the AESMITE incident will continue to be closely coordinated with C/STC Plans/Projects note: AESMITE involves a new source of information on RIS attempts to penetrate the NTS, and c. that any ramifications from the AESMITE incident which may affect the intended move of NTS instructors to the U.S. should likewise be coordinated with C/STC.
- (c) FI/Plans/Projects Branch notes that AESAURUS/AENOBLE is under the general auspices of project AESAURUS, the PP subsidy of the NTS,

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and is therefore eligible for fiscal year approval, in accordance with an agreement between FI and SR Division.

* Recommend approval subject to para 6 b & c.

S/ []
Chief, Plans

Concur Approved: S/ []
Chief, FI

17 April 1954
Date

FI/Plans/Projects/DWD:pkb
15 April 1954
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FI Staff Concurrences:

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